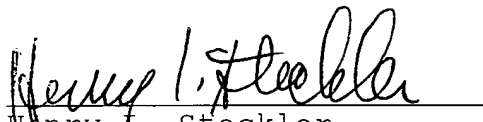


II. REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect group III (claims 20-23 and 28-31).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$110.00 for a one month extension and for any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,



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